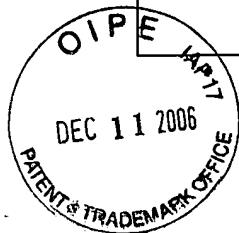


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In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on p. 2 of this paper.

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